



Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

2021 Legislative Session





Brand Inspection Audit

Overview of Audit Findings

In May of 2019, management of the Animal Industry Division identified significant control weaknesses.

The division has been establishing policies and following processes to address these risks and deficiencies.

Updates: Collected Fees

UDAF has received a grant of variance from the State Treasurer regarding the requirement that fees be deposited within three days. There is now a 7 day window for fees to be deposited.

Updates: Cash Deposits

Due to the nature and locations of services provided, and considering that cash cannot be mailed, at the time there was no better option. UDAF now has a statewide bank account and funds will be deposited directly by brand inspectors.

Updates: Firearms

All firearms have been collected and accounted for.
Policy is now in place regarding the inventory and
retrieval of firearms.

Updates: Vehicle Policies

Several policies have been updated increasing controls for state vehicles. Continued training is in place. Division records show brand inspectors have and continue to complete work in an efficient manner and do not abuse state resources.

Electronic Brand Inspection Program



Utah Department of Agriculture and Food Brand Inspection Certificate

Owner

Lightening bar ranch
Amalga, Utah

Buyer

Imperial beef
Imperial, Nebraska

GPS Coordinate

N/A

Sold to N/A

Premise No. N/A

Consigned to N/A

License No. N/A

Carrier N/A

Registration No. N/A

Destination Imperial nb

Dealers License No. N/A

Inspector Name: Chris Chambers

Inspected for

Change of Ownership, Leaving the state



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January 06, 2021

	Head	Gender	Brands	Notes	Beef Council Fee	Predator Control Fee	Inspection Fee
	76	Steer	5 RH	N/A	\$114.00	\$19.00	\$76.00
Sub Total					\$114.00	\$19.00	\$76.00

Validation of brand certificates

Brand inspection certificates, except for "Change of ownership" and "Travel permits" shall be automatically cancelled and void one week after time of issuance. This is certificate void if altered.

Payment by

Check

Beef Council	\$114.00
Predator Control	\$19.00
Brand Inspection Fee	\$76.00
Total Fees Charged	\$209.00



Conclusion

Serious control deficiencies have been addressed.

Our Electronic Brand Inspection program provides a strong control structure eliminating the risk of fraud and abuse.

Recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General have been enacted.

Brand Inspection Audit Q & A

A photograph of several brown cows in a grassy field. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "Animal Industry Division" in white. The cow in the center foreground has a small white tag with the number "28" on its ear. Other cows are visible in the background and foreground, some with white markings.

Animal Industry Division

Animal Industry

Animal agriculture in Utah represents the largest sector of farm income in Utah.

UDAF's Animal Industry Division ensures the health and productivity of Utah livestock, poultry and aquaculture, preserves industry commerce, protects human health, and ensures consumers of safe, wholesome, and properly labeled products.



Animal Industry Major Programs

▶ Animal Health Program

▶ Brand Inspection Program

▶ Domestic Elk Program

▶ Meat and Poultry Inspection Program

▶ Predatory Animal Control Program

Annual Highlights:

- 2020 Recipient of the Governor's Award of Excellence for Innovation and Efficiency
 - Implementation of Electronic Brand Program
 - Temporary Grant of Inspection Program

Each which allows UDAF to more efficiently and effectively serve producers and consumers statewide





Request: Meat and Poultry Inspection Program - Inspector Agriculture III (Food Inspector) (3) and Staff Veterinarian (1)

Request Amount and Source:
General Fund / Federal Revenue (50/50)

- FY 2021 One-time: \$317,872
- FY 2022 Ongoing: \$423,828
- Total Request: \$741,700

Request: Animal Health Division Predator Control Program Budget

Request Amount and Source: General Fund

- FY 2021 One-time: \$122,500
- FY 2022 Ongoing: \$245,000
- Total Request: \$367,500

Request: Wildlife Services Depredation Prevention Vehicles

Request Amount and Source:
General Fund


- FY 2022 One-time: \$90,000
- Total Request: \$90,000



Request: Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (UVDL) Funding

Request Amount and Source: General Fund

- FY 2021 One-time: \$150,000
- FY 2022 Ongoing: \$250,000
- Total Request: \$400,000



Animal Industry Q & A

UDAF Fee Update Report



Overview of UDAF Fee Updates and Tracking

UDAF has begun more closely tracking fees with services provided and is in the process of implementing Data Management System (DMS) software.

In December of 2020, this system went live. Currently, 41 of 61 total license and permit types are live with 6 more scheduled to go live next week.



Fee Updates:

UDAF is currently evaluating the fee structure for several programs.

Example: Regulatory Services has proposed adjusting fees for the Dairy Program and Weights & Measures program.



Challenges:

The services UDAF provides to producers and constituents statewide present unique challenges for tracking and determining fees and the true costs to providing services.

Challenge Examples: Regulatory Inspections

- Different types of inspections have different personnel costs.
- Facilities with egregious issues take more time for inspections than those abiding by regulatory standards.

Services provided benefit producers and protect public health. UDAF is continually analyzing these fees.



Challenge Examples:

Rural Inspections

UDAF aims to be fair and balanced. Adjusting fees to charge more when inspectors travel to rural areas would place an undue burden on rural communities and producers.



Challenge Examples: Brand Inspections

Brand inspections are charged a uniform fee regardless of how far a facility is from a brand inspector.

Fees are set to an average fee rather than hourly rate. Charging hourly fees or fees for travel would place an additional burden on rural producers.

Next Steps:

UDAF will continue to implement activity codes to ensure fees are tied to revenue with long term goals of tying fees to actual expenses.

Next Steps:

Plans are in place to refine data to more clearly tie revenue to the programs they're associated with.

Timestamping for inspections is now being tracked in the Regulatory Services Food Safety Management System (FSMS) program.


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FSMS | Food Safety Management System

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**Retail Food Establishment Inspection Report**
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PHONE: 801-982-2253 FAX: 385-465-6023
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Start Date: 2021-01-27 10:06:48
End Date: 2021-01-27 11:17:04
Duration: 1h 8m 16s
EHS: 10113
Secondary EHS:

Name of Establishment
MELON VINE GROCERY

Location/Address
76 S BROADWAY


City/Town
GREEN RIVER

Zip
84525

Establishment Type and Category
Grocery Store

Customer#
32094

Purpose of Inspection
Follow-up



Based on an inspection this day, the items recorded below identify the violations in operations or facilities which must be corrected by the next routine inspection or such shorter period of time as may be specified below or in writing by the agency. Failure to comply with any time limit for CORRECTIONS specified in this notice may result in additional regulatory action.

Priority items are highlighted in bold. Priority items are factors which lead to food-borne illness or injury. Violation or priority items must receive immediate action (within 3 days) or as stated. Inspection items are marked as follows: IN (in compliance); OUT (not in compliance); N/O (not observed); N/A (not applicable). Check mark indicates: CDI (corrected during inspection); OUT* indicates chronic violation

High Risk Factors and Interventions

1. DEMONSTRATION OF KNOWLEDGE

N/A

A. PIC certified by accredited program; knowledge

N/A

B. All food workers have current food handlers permits

2. EMPLOYEE HEALTH

N/A

A. Personnel with infections excluded/restricted

N/A

B. Company has food-borne illness policy or workers are aware

N/A

C. Policy for cleanup of vomit/diarrheal

3. GOOD HYGIENIC PRACTICES

N/A

A. Smoking/eating/drinking not allowed

N/A

B. Clean hands/properly washed/finger nails

N/A

C. Avoid bare hand contact with RTE food/minimize food handling

N/A

D. Adequate hand washing facilities/soap/drying/signage

N/A

E. Clean clothes/proper hair restraint



Adequate funding for staffing, potentially including an internal auditor position, could help identify and implement fee tracking needs and adjustments.

UDAF Fee Update Report Q & A



Administrative Services

Administrative Services

The purpose of Administrative Services and the Executive Office is to ensure all other divisions in the department function effectively.

The division manages invoices, budgets and accounting, provides a proactive and consistent voice for the department and makes policy decisions affecting all department divisions.

Request: Administrative Services - Admin Restoration

Request Amount and Source: General Fund

- FY 2021 One-time: \$75,000
- FY 2022 Ongoing: \$75,000
- Total Request: \$150,000

COVID Cuts

At the onset of COVID, vital positions were cut to help the overall budget of the state. UDAF has experienced inefficiencies due to these losses and is requesting funding to support positions lost due to these cuts.

These positions are vital to the agency and agriculture industry.

- The return of these positions would allow UDAF to be more proactive vs reactive.
- Without these positions, it's difficult for the department to keep up with current demand, let alone meet industry growth.
- COVID has highlighted the importance of agriculture and a safe and secure local food chain and has increased demand for local agricultural products.

Request: Administrative Services - Attorney - Restoration of Rates

Request Amount and Source:
General Fund

- FY 2021 One-time: \$23,200
- FY 2022 Ongoing: \$23,200
- Total Request: \$46,400

Request: Administrative Services - Attorney

Request Amount and Source: Dedicated Credits

- FY 2021 One-time: \$60,000
- FY 2022 Ongoing: \$60,000
- Total Request: \$120,000

Administrative Services Q & A

Laboratory Services Division

Laboratory Services

This division provides chemical, physical, and microbiological analyses for a wide variety of products to protect the state's consumers, farmers, and industry.

Laboratory Services Major Functions

Dairy Testing Lab

Feed and Fertilizer Testing

Industrial Hemp and Medical Cannabis Lab

Meat Testing lab

Pesticide Testing Lab

Laboratory Services: Requesting the Division's Own Line Item

Consolidating the Laboratory Services budget under its own line item will:

- reflect the lab's administration as an independent entity;
- allow the lab to more efficiently deal with personnel matters including promotions, discipline, FTE allocation, etc.;
- allow the lab to independently manage instrument purchases, maintenance, and service contracts;
- allow the fees charged by the lab to more accurately reflect the cost of the analyses; and
- provide a more transparent way to determine the overall cost of operating the lab.

A photograph of a laboratory instrument, possibly a thermal cycler or PCR machine, with its door open. Inside, a block of clear plastic vials is visible, arranged in a grid. The vials have labels, some of which include the Agilent logo. A blue cylindrical component is visible on the left side of the instrument. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the laboratory environment.

Laboratory Services Q & A